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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 16, 2010. Accompanying this paper is a petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time of response up to and including September 16, 2010.

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